

# River Cities Community Health Coalition, Inc.

est. 1997

# Purpose

- Improve overall health of people in 14 counties in Southern OH, Northeastern KY, and Western WV.
  - Flu Vaccines
  - Preventive health educational activities such as smoking prevention/cessation
  - Sharing of scientific/epidemiological info

# Purpose

- Property and Assets are managed and controlled by the Board of Trustees.

# Officers

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary/Treasurer



# Membership

- Hospitals
- Governmental Agencies
- Other Health Related Organizations
- Corporate and Individual Memberships
- Currently, 17 organizations and 7 individuals

# Membership - Hospitals

- HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center
- Holzer Medical Center
- Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital
- Southern Ohio Medical Center
- St. Claire Medical Center



# Membership - Governmental/Other

- Ashland/Boyd County Health Department
- Ebenezer Medical Outreach
- Greenup County Health Department
- Lawrence County, OH Health Department
- Little Sandy District Health Department
- Portsmouth City Health Department

# Membership - Governmental/Other

- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Network
- Lawrence County, OH CAO
- LIFE Ambulance
- Medical Transportation Services
- Pathways
- Shawnee Mental Health Center



# Membership Dues

- Dues provide funding for RCCHC.



# Committees

- Executive Committee
- Immunization Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Child Safety Committee
- Tobacco Committee
- Wellness Committee
- Grant Committee



# RCCHC Project

- Dept. of Health and Human Services Community Access Program has awarded \$1,079,797 to establish a 3-tiered safety net program.

# Three Segments

- Telephone nurse triage and resource referral service
- Medication assistance for uninsured and under-insured residents
- Comprehensive community health needs assessment

# "Nurse On Call"

- Toll Free Call Center
- Callers can request answers to health related questions.
- RNs answer questions.
- Software assists the nurse in answering questions through use of comprehensive data bank.
- Vital patient info and referrals will be documented.

# MedConnex

- MedConnex links individuals and healthcare providers to pharmaceutical programs which assist them in affording prescription medications.
- Often difficult for physicians to access or enroll patients in these programs.

# Community Health Needs Assessment

- Health needs assessment of 12-county service area
- Identify health concerns and guide future coalition projects
- Contract with Marshall University Office of Research and Economic Development to conduct phone surveys

# MedConnex Income Guidelines

- Program not available to Medicaid eligible.
- If family household income is below minimum, a denial letter from the Department of Health and Human Services is required.



# MedConnex Income Guidelines

- Annual income MUST fall between these two figures:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
1	\$ 8,980	\$17,960
2	\$12,120	\$24,240
3	\$15,260	\$30,520
4	\$18,400	\$36,800
5	\$21,540	\$43,080
6	\$24,680	\$49,360

# MEDCONNEX - 2002

- Obtained medicines in the amount of \$651,222.32.
- 904 active patients at end of December 2002.

# MEDCONNEX - 2003

- Obtained medicines in the amount of \$752,788.18.
- 644 active patients at end of December 2003.

# MEDCONNEX TODAY

- Seven Advocates
- Located in member organizations throughout our 14-county service area

# MEDCONNEX TODAY

- \$25 annual fee
- \$10 per application processing fee

# RCCHC - THE FUTURE

- Hired grant writer to seek other grants and do fundraising events.